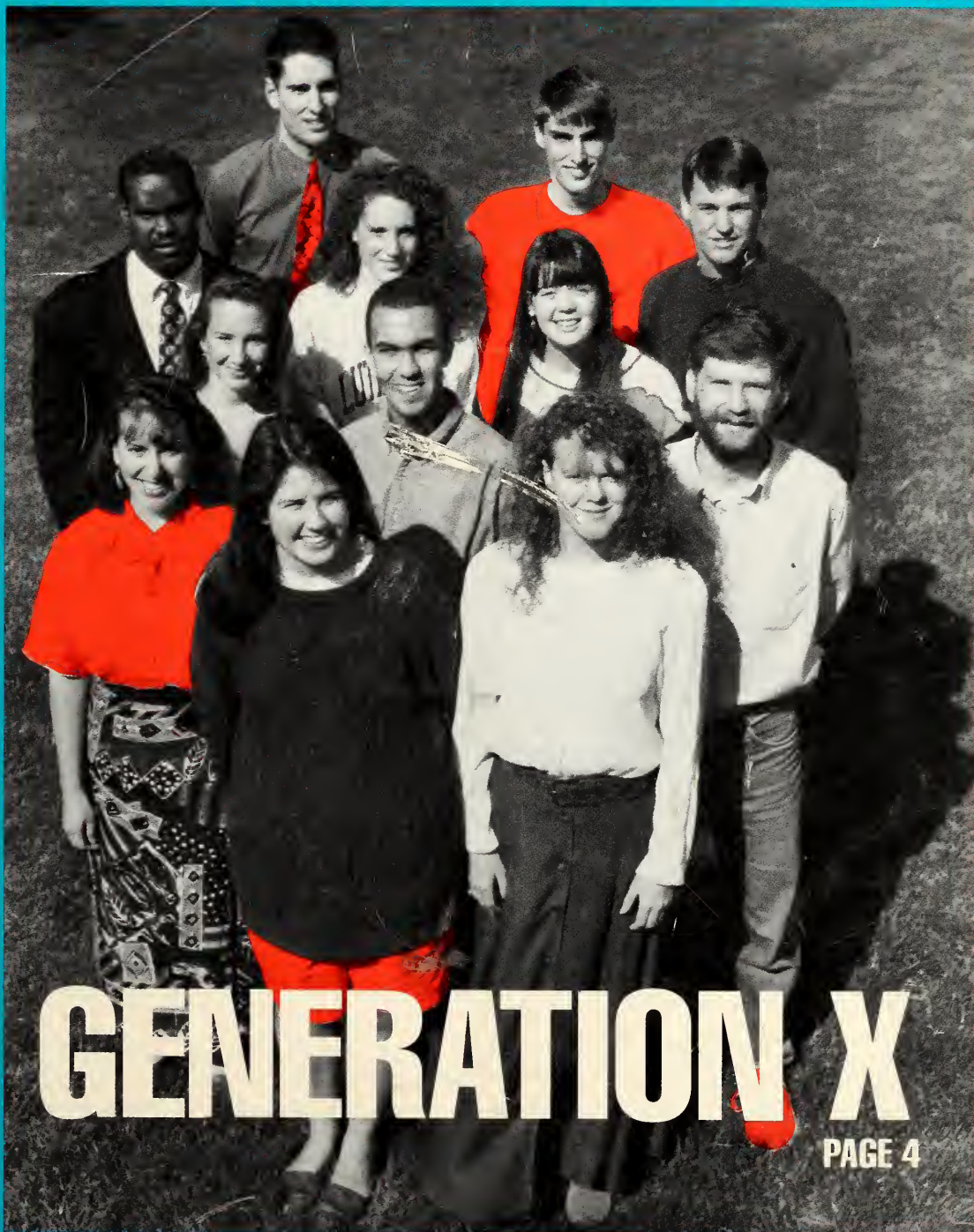


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GENERATION X

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Generation X. Not only do they make up most of our student body, they're our youngest employees and alumni.

At Lenoir-Rhyne, dealing with young people is nothing new. We've been doing it for 102 years. What is different, though, are the unique aspects of today's Twentysomethings. Sociologists have just recently identified "X" as distinct from Baby Boomers. While some of the "X" characteristics are troubling (impatience, lack of commitment), others are encouraging, even inspiring (adventuresome, service-oriented). Of course it's unwise to generalize, but perhaps more than any previous generation, this one is more motivated to serve and experience life than to make a lot of money. Part of that stems from the economic times we're in. They're more diverse, more global and environmentally conscious. At the same time, it's unwise to generalize; Generation X—like any other—has its share of ultra liberals, ultra conservatives and everything in between.

As a father of three Generation Xers myself, I, like all parents have experienced challenges and rewards. Yet, too, I know you can't stereotype these young people.

Young women, for example, are no longer opting to stay put and follow the usual educational path. My youngest daughter, Ellen, has "kept her options open" this past year as part of Up With People, a service-oriented group of young performers who tour the world to foster international understanding. She has lived with host families all over North America, Europe and Russia—truly a Generation X type of adventure. Ellen will enroll this fall as a pre-med student at the College of Charleston.

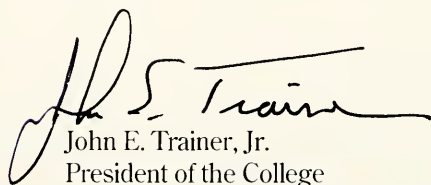
Meanwhile, my son John is a kind of Generation X "boomerang". After graduating from my alma mater Wake Forest in 1991, he left to pursue a law degree, changed his mind and is back home this year taking post-graduate courses at L-R boning up for med school. Meanwhile, Cindy, my other daughter, is a junior at Appalachian State University studying sports medicine. While all three of our children are "committed" to scientific careers like their parents (both Alice and I are biologists), they are training in their own way. What might have been once regarded as "false starts" and restlessness in times past is now seen as a normal maturing process, healthier in some respects than the traditional paths we followed.

But just as my "own" Generation Xers are unique, we at L-R are meeting the diverse challenges their peers demand. As was mentioned in the last Profile, those seeking global experiences have a host of opportunities to study abroad through L-R affiliated programs while we will begin our Eight Semesters Around the World series on campus this fall.

Extra-curricular activities offer many service opportunities through the Greek system as well as experiences including Paint Your Heart Out (painting homes of the elderly), Atlanta and Washington Venture (aiding the homeless) and Pathway, a spiritual growth retreat.

At the same time, L-R has long afforded students with a real glimpse of the world through internships both on and off campus. Some more recent adventures in the business world include the shadowing program, whereby students have the opportunity to observe the interworkings of real businesses on a day-to-day basis.

I understand that one of the "worst" things for a Generation Xer is to be bored. At L-R, you need only speak up to get involved in array of leadership experiences that can't be beat anywhere.


John E. Trainer, Jr.
President of the College

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ON THE COVER: Twelve members of the campus community represent Generation X. From left front: Mitzi Viola, Laura Hilbert, Molly Sessoms; row 2: Laurie Brill, Dennis Timko, Devin Goodwin. row 3: Eric Brandon, Julia Crohn, Cindy Jones, Brett Ford. Back: Larry Lentz, Jimmy Bennett.

MOVE OVER, BOOMERS...HERE

They're diverse, cynical, better educated and more likely to live at home with Mom or Dad* after college. Who are they? Generation X, Baby Busters, Twentysomethings. Take your pick. They're the ones born during the "baby bust"—1963 and 1974—but still the second-largest generation in U.S. history.

So what makes them different? As the children of War Babies and older Baby Boomers, they grew up with computers, MTV, latchkeys and a high incidence of broken families. Now entering the work force in one of the worst recessions in recent memory, this group is facing one of the toughest job markets ever. So instead of landing jobs in their chosen fields, many are working in retail stores, restaurants, factories...anything to get by.

All of those circumstances affect the expectations and needs of this new crop of adults, say Lenoir-Rhyne College officials.

"The thing that's taken the Baby Boomers by surprise is we always thought we were the radicals," says Dr. Ed Lewis, vice president and dean of student life.



Dr. Ed Lewis

Information, please.

This is a generation brought up with the fast flashing images of MTV, no real role models and few causes like the Vietnam War, civil rights movement or women's liberation which brought Boomers together.

Susanne Gunter, director of career counseling and placement, says she's seen a definite change in the attitudes of students who come to her office for help.

"They come in and tell me they want to get a job in Chicago. I send them to the library and they look at me like I'm crazy," Mrs. Gunter says. "They want to be able to punch up the data on a computer, not go through a stack of books.

"This is forcing our office to re-examine how we can deliver the information so the audience can receive it," she says. "They're used to immediate gratification."

One example of this comfort with technology is how one senior found a job.

"He sent out an electronic mail message asking for job advice and got this huge printout from people all over the country," Mrs. Gunter says. "He landed a job with a company

** Mom and Dad are likely divorced by now.*

in Florida from one of those leads."

Because of Generation X's ever-changing needs, Lewis says the college may have to re-think the way it markets itself to today's students.

"The next video we do ought to be radically different," he says. "I envision a collage-type video with fast frames of information, no longer than 10 minutes long." Envision the high-energy Diet Mountain Dew advertisements, the tongue-in-cheek humor of Nike shoe ads and the bucking authority tone of the new Isuzu Rodeo commercials for a taste of the ads geared to the Busters.

'I want to keep my options open.' That's the battle cry of Xers who have pushed the median age of first marriage to new heights, delayed commitment to a career and postponed child-rearing.

"They are not willing to commit to a first job," says Mrs. Gunter. "They may get into the wrong thing. They get bored easily."

Once in the work force, though, the Xers want to reshape it in their own mold. They don't want to do grudge work; they want stimulation. They want regular feedback from their supervisors like they're used to having in school and college; a yearly evaluation won't do. They want concrete information and want to stay on top of the latest technology. But above all else, they don't want the 80-hour workweek and the singular pursuit of the dollar.

"Family values are very important to them," says Mrs. Gunter. "They are more interested in being with their family than on the job. They're not going to give up these things to get ahead."

Dr. Jill Dawe, assistant professor of music, agrees. Dawe, 28, who is now on a year's leave of absence at Oberlin College School of Music, was interviewed before she headed for Ohio.

"The prevalence of divorce has caused a lot of attention to be focused on what is a family," she says. "No longer is a family a mother, a father and 2.5 children because people can and do have more than one family.

"Our generation is likely to be more creative in putting more emphasis on quality time with their children," says Ms. Dawe.

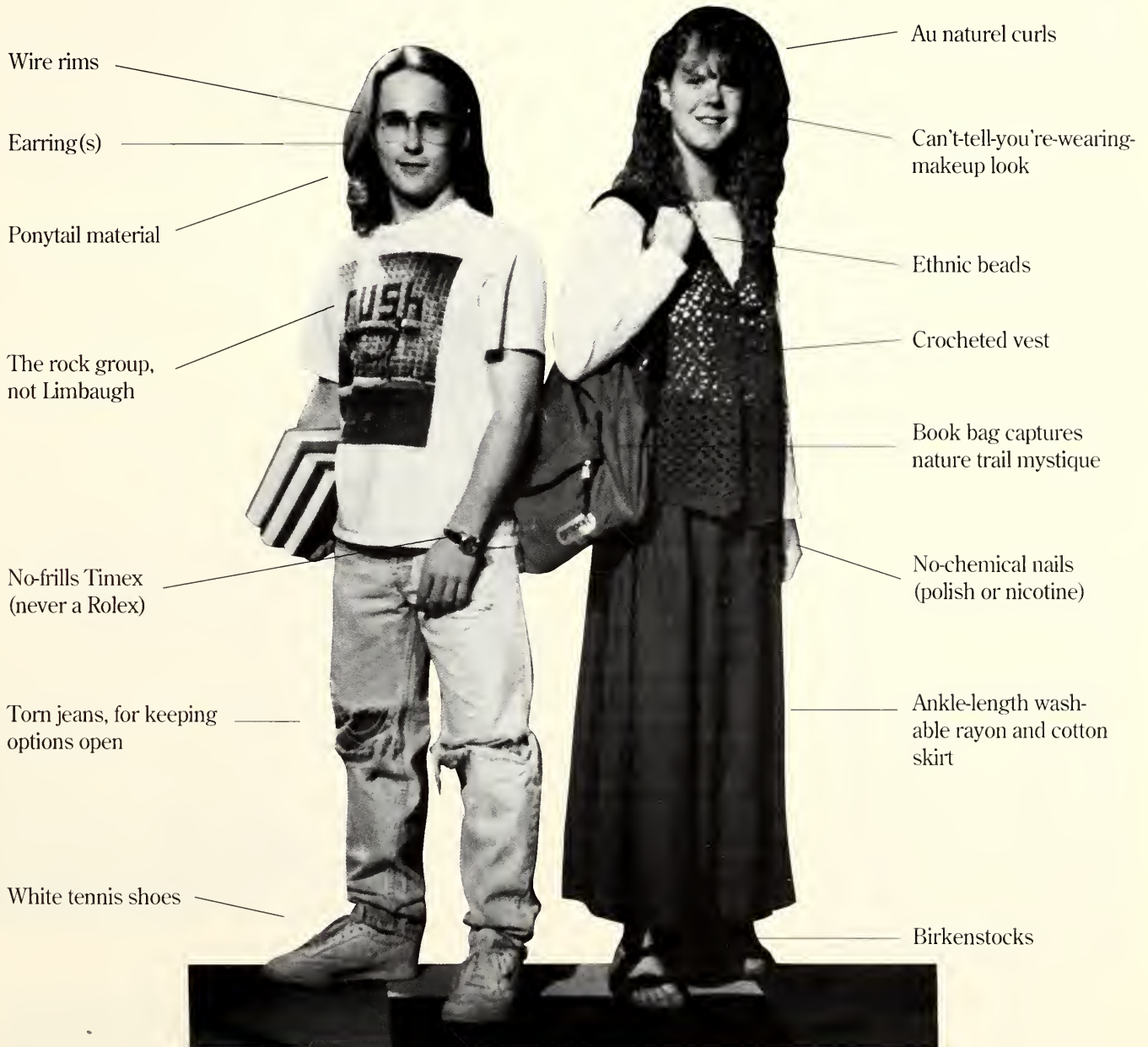
This crop of young adults is rejecting the money-is-everything philosophy and taking to service. They're



Susanne Gunter

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COME THE BABY BUSTERS!



Zeroing in on X

To Baby Boomers, this duo resembles John Lennon and Grace Slick. Far from it! They're actually L-R junior Phillip Kirby of Taylorsville and senior Molly Sessoms of Lumberton modeling for this tongue-in-cheek analysis of what's cool at school.

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interested in work that means something.

"They are very unimpressed with the big career thing because they feel they've sold their souls," explains Lewis. "They've heard for the past 12 years from government that government can't do it all. There is a certain empowerment in that."

Says Molly Sessoms, a 21-year-old junior from Lumberton, "I do volunteer work because I don't like to see people get cheated out. It's a human kind of thing."

An example of that is yearly house-building foray Lewis takes with students to South America.

But Lewis and Mrs. Gunter say the Boomer generation is probably to blame for the increased priority on family life.

"If there's an indictment here, it's not to Generation X. It's an indictment to us who talked about family values and didn't practice them," Lewis says.

Get outta my face!

Generation X is the most culturally diverse group ever. The children of this generation have no memories of segregated schools, water fountains or athletic teams. They also are more comfortable with the opposite sex as friends than other generations before them. But that's not to say they're connecting in any real sort of way. Members of this generation see themselves as alone in the world.

"The climate hasn't changed," says Lewis. "They learn how to be together without being 'together.'"

"They see themselves as individuals within a group, instead of a group of individuals," Mrs. Gunter says.

The music of the Xers reflects their lack of cohesion. There's rap, hip-hop, grunge rock and even hard rock – all of it new.

That makes student programming on campus challenging, says Lewis.

"It's very hard to find anyone to agree on anything."

Even the youthful grunge fashions make that statement. With their anti-fashion loose-fitting clothing, pierced ears and noses and for some even tattoos, today's generation is rejecting Yuppie values they grew up with.

Consider Charles Keller. At 25, he has pierced ears and did have a ponytail streaming down from his otherwise conservative cut. Just recently, he had the ponytail cut off when he went to do an internship as a teacher's aide. But don't count that as being conformist for the former rock band member. It's merely his way of surviving the system.

While Boomer icons such as "The Wonder Years," "thirtysomething" and "Cheers" have moved into syndication land, the torch is being passed to Generation X. Whether they drive you batty or you're one of them, Xers are here to stay.

Looks like the world will never be the same.

Dr. Jill Dawe: 'Pursuing art, my way'

Age: 28

Occupation: Assistant professor of music on leave of absence at Oberlin College

Quote: I question everything. I don't accept the traditions of the older generations.

When freshman Gwen Smith came to L-R, she could barely move her arms, let alone play the piano. Fortunately, she had Dr. Jill Dawe as her piano teacher.

Jill saw to it that Gwen didn't play the piano until her arms were better. Jill had been researching tendonitis among musicians and strongly suspected Gwen may suffer the ailment. She was right. Other piano teachers may have told Gwen simply to play through the pain, but Jill stressed to Gwen playing should be enjoyable, not painful.

That was very Generation X. Jill herself says, "I question everything."

"I don't accept the traditions of the older generations," she says. "Our generation is a bit cynical. We don't believe our boss; we don't believe our government. I don't believe

Eric Brandon: 'I'm not from the old school'

Age: 27

Occupation: Assistant director of admissions

Quote: Speaking from the black race, a lot of my friends feel like to make it today, they're going to have to have their master's degree.

Even though he's black which makes him a member of a small minority on campus, Brandon says the diversity isn't adversity. That's what he tells prospective students.

"I was raised in a black neighborhood, but I went to a predominantly white high school," Brandon says. "It helped me a lot. I get along well with everyone; it doesn't matter what color, race or whatever."

His acceptance of diversity is a common characteristic of Generation X. Yet as an admissions officer, he sees tough competition from historically black colleges for promising black students. Many of his friends, he says, have transferred from historically white institutions to the black colleges because they feel the black colleges better suit their needs.

Another trend Brandon has witnessed is seeing an increase of black graduates going back to pursue a master's degree to get a job comparable to what a bachelor's degree would have



Molly Sessoms: *'I want my family to be different'*

Age: 21

Occupation: student

Quote: *I want to have a job but that's not going to be my top priority. You have that one opportunity to be a family and you're not going to get that chance again.*

what people tell me; I want to find out myself. Titles, formality and tradition are less important to our generation."

Simply her chosen field bucked the wishes of an older generation.

"All along I was warned to get an education degree to fall back on, but I didn't want to," she says. "I was the only one in my class who majored in performance."

Even though her parents are still together, like most her age, she still perceives them as not having been there for her as she grew up.

Both parents worked hard, commuting about 30 to 40 minutes to work from their home in the country near Lumberton. But because of that, they weren't able to attend many of her activities.

When she gets married and has her family, Molly wants it to be different.

"I want to have a job, but that's not going to be my top priority," Molly says. "My family will be my top priority. I want a job that will give me the opportunity to go to my children's baseball games and volleyball games.

"You have that one opportunity to be a family and you're not going to get that chance again."

Finding a job is another thing for Molly.

"I have two different majors – history and psychology and a minor in Christian education – and I have no idea what I want to do," she says. "I want to keep my options open."

Service to her community is also important. This year she was recognized by the Campus Ministries Forum as a Servant to Christ for her work as a member of InterVarsity, a peer educator, with Pathway retreats, a resident advisor and as chaplain of Kappa Delta sorority.

"Through the college, I've had a lot of opportunities for volunteerism through working with the homeless, picking up trash along the highways, visiting nursing homes," she says. "For me, it's a human kind of thing."



meant 10 years earlier.

"A lot of black kids feel like to make it today, they're going to have to have their master's," he says.

Sex-role stereotypes also don't faze Brandon. His longtime girlfriend is in medical school. After she graduates and completes her residency, Brandon's salary will most likely be dwarfed by hers.

"I'm not from the old school where my wife would have to be a housewife," he says.





Charles Keller: *Finding myself*

Age: 25

Occupation: student

Quote: *My sisters are jealous because they moved out at 17 or 18. Then entered the workforce in the late 70s and early 80s when things were better than they are now.*

Charles Keller probably best personifies what Generation X is all about.

At 17, Charles Keller wanted to see the world and draw that paycheck, so he dropped out of high school and moved in with his sister in Houston. There, he worked as a shoe salesman.

But he soon decided that wasn't the life for him. So he moved back home to Hickory and went to Catawba Valley Community College and got his GED. Then he continued his studies to get transfer credits and he went to Pfeiffer College.

After about a year, he left there too when a friend called him and asked if he wanted to join a rock band. He moved to Raleigh and worked at a toy store during the day and as the singer in the band at night. After a year, the band dissolved, and Charles got a promotion to store manager.

"I was making money, but I wasn't happy," Charles says. "I realized there had to be more to life than working the odd hours and partying, so I decided school was where it was at."

He moved back home a second time, this time to attend Lenoir-Rhyne and major in English. Now a second semester senior, he aspires to be a novelist, but is going to continue his education to get his teaching certificate just in case.

"Life is ever changing," he says. "You have to be able to adapt."

He will get married in June and then he and his wife will move – in with his parents.

"I feel bad because I am 25 and still live at home. Sometimes I feel guilty about it," Charles says.

Job market teaching '93 grads tough lessons

It's been months since you earned your degree. You've already learned that good jobs are scarce. Really scarce. Instead of a paycheck, you are getting a reality check.

Welcome to the workplace of 1993.

"It's much different out there than it was just three years ago," says Susanne Gunter, L-R's director of the Career Center. "We've seen many middle managers laid off and employers not replacing those who quit. Employees who are left must now work harder and be more flexible. And those with experience and flexibility have the edge." That's not good news for most new graduates. With limited employment opportunities, Gunter says, even some very bright and talented students are having trouble finding jobs they want.

"The world of work has been turned upside down," she says. "It's now up to the individual to take career responsibility. With rapid change, it's not unusual for new graduates to be on their second or even third job two years out. Five years is getting to be 'long-term'.

"It's part of the Generation X experience," she explains. "Sure, you may have a degree, but a job isn't going to knock on your door. The market is tight. There are a lot of older people out there in what were once entry-level jobs. You have to go out and be willing to pay your dues to gain the experience an employer wants."

Do L-R grads have an edge? Yes, Gunter says, if the individual takes the initiative.

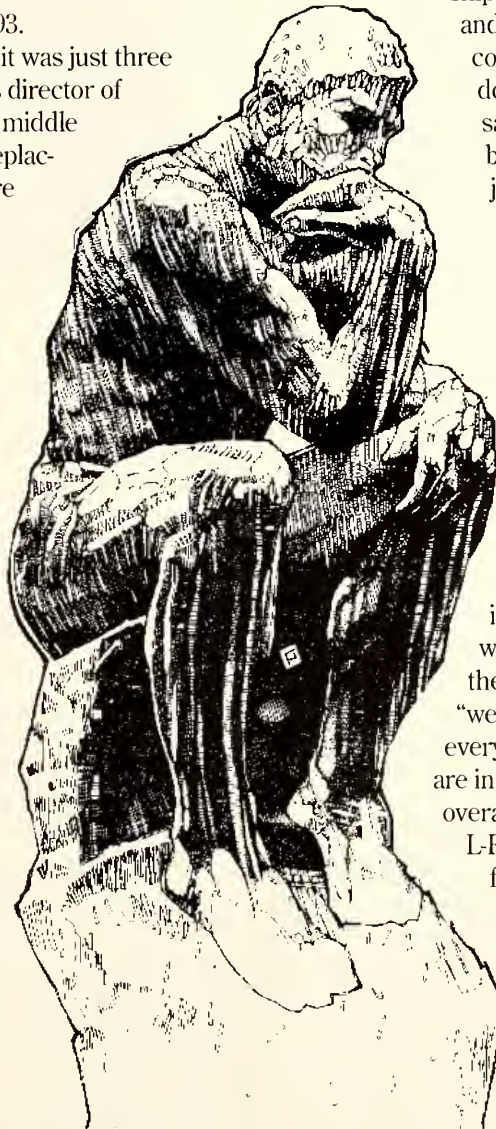
"Lenoir-Rhyne is seen as a place that turns out students with a good, solid liberal arts education, and that can very well be the deciding factor for employers," she says.

Still, the main 'edge' L-R offers are networking and leadership opportunities.

"In a small school like ours, students have greater access to business contacts through our boards and alumni association and leadership opportunities and internships, particularly in business, nursing, sports and teaching. Students are part of key committees and boards. There are tremendous networking opportunities here," she says. Statistically, L-R grads seem to fare better than most when it comes to finding jobs at graduation. One national figure shows only 3% of four-year college graduates have landed suitable full-time work by commencement. Mrs. Gunter's "cap and gown survey"—a questionnaire for graduating seniors each May—showed in 1992, that 20.5% of L-R seniors had found jobs they wanted. The figure was up to 33% this year.

"I hesitate to rely on those figures, though," Mrs. Gunter says. "Many of our graduates are evening college students who are already working. And it's hard to know by some responses whether the employment listed is THE job they really want. Then, too," she continues, "we have an excellent nursing program. As everyone knows, R.N.s with bachelor's degrees are in demand. That group is going to skew the overall L-R rate." But, Gunter believes, many L-R graduates do have an edge. Though fewer companies and organizations actively recruit on campus these days, Gunter says her office often receives inquiries for potential employers in programs for which L-R is known: education, education of the hearing-impaired and Christian education, music and nursing.

Increasing numbers are enhancing their education and/or skills by going on to graduate school or working in mission-related or service jobs not necessarily related to their major. Programs such as Teach for America, which recruits non-teacher certified instructors to teach in remote and inner city schools, can be the ticket to other opportunities.



Devin Goodwin: Inspiration to us all



Devin Goodwin

EDITOR'S NOTE: When Devin Goodwin left the small town of Jonesville for Lenoir-Rhyne College, he faced what seemed an insurmountable challenge. Without the support of his family, Goodwin felt he had to prove to himself and others that he really could succeed, and succeed he did, with a double major in math and physics. He plans to teach at the high school level when he graduates next year. While here, he has helped create Campus Ministries Forum, has participated in Pathways spiritual retreats and has worked with L-R's Habitat for Humanity projects in South and Central America. Following is an edited version of a speech Goodwin delivered last November to donors at the annual endowment dinner:

Greetings. To be honest, I really don't know where to begin. Perhaps, instead, you will let me reflect over some of my experiences here at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

I can still remember the first day that I arrived here. It's a day I probably will never forget. It was my hardest day, the toughest day I've lived through.

At the same time, it was the most exciting day, the best day and yes, all at the same time, my worst day. You see, the day I arrived here I was quite lost. Suffice it to say that I arrived here that day unexpectedly, with only the clothes I had being those on my back, no books, no place to stay, and no resources to fall back on, and feeling quite confused and lost.

I can recall walking into the Lineberger Building and literally telling the receptionist, "I'm here!" Well, I'm still here, and that is a credit to the atmosphere that struggles and strives here at Lenoir-Rhyne, an atmosphere of care and support.

I don't believe I could have walked into any other institution of learning and simply said, "I'm here" and found the support and concern I needed. I have a lot of people to thank for my presence here today – faculty, staff and students – who helped me survive those first months of confusion and gave me the strength and conviction to stay here and receive one of

the best educations this country can offer.

I can remember a stack of clothes magically appearing outside my door the day I arrived and I wonder if some of you had something to do with that. If you did, I want to thank you. For whoever anonymously gathered all of those school supplies (the pencils, pens, notebook paper and even calculator) and placed those outside my door, I am grateful. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that this was the place I was supposed to be, and you are the people who told me that.

This was my beginning but there have been many other experiences here at L-R that I've learned a great deal from. I recall the support and concern from all of you, which was given in many ways; in fact, I believe some of you did not even know how much you were helping me at the time. I remember the first time I met our college chaplain, Dr. Don Just, in the Cromer Center. Our meeting was short. There was little conversation. In fact, all that occurred was the chaplain reminded me that I still had on my hat. So you see, this backwoods mountain boy began to learn social graces.

This certainly has not been the limit of my learning experiences. I've learned about myself, and about how to communicate with and care for others. I was privileged to travel with a student group to Washington, D.C., to work with those who care for the homeless. There's something about

driving up to the Capitol Building, seeing on the sidewalks homeless people sleeping on the steam grates in 40-degree weather with nothing around them but newspapers and cardboard. That teaches me how fortunate I am.

It also shows me at least one way in which I can learn to care about others. I saw there on the streets of Washington people who are just like me, even people who care, love, need and struggle through life, just as we all do. I've heard from these people the most heartfelt and genuine God-bless-you's and somehow been humbled by it.

I've begun to learn things about others, about how they feel, about how they live and about their needs. I've learned, not so much how to fit in, but how to work alongside others. I recall experiences from the Latin American countries of Peru, Guatemala and Bolivia, working with Habitat for Humanity there. Perhaps everyone does not need to know how to lay a row of cinder blocks to make a wall, or how to use a plumb bob to be sure the wall stands straight; but everyone can benefit from looking at someone standing beside you, soaked in sweat and concrete mix, not knowing their language, and realizing you can understand each other, that you can help each other.

However, the experience has been more than this. I've learned maybe more about myself while laboring on these work projects. I learned how to respect myself for who I am, through Christ, and what abilities I have. I've learned better, in a more meaningful sense, what giving means and more so that I can enjoy giving.

Now I'm not going to get too egotistical with you. I can't say by any stretch that I have learned it all. But I have learned quite a lot about myself, about others and about how to relate to others. I still have a good bit to learn, but I am grateful that this institution sees it as one of its goals to provide opportunities such as these to provide a strong base in experience, hand to hand with life, about how to live with others and how to live with oneself.

Naturally, there are other types of learning at L-R that goes beyond life and living. There are classrooms, and I'll admit it takes a while for most students to fully appreciate the rigors of academics. But I can express to you a confidence in my education here. It didn't help my ego any when I received a poor grade on my last math test, but it tells me where I need to concentrate. I can tell you, because I can prove it, that the existence of prime numbers is infinite, or I can express my satisfaction and confidence in what I've learned in my physics course, especially after I heard from a recent graduate that he's using the same text in his graduate studies!

Academic opportunities here are endless, but many times learning is hard. Learning extracts something from us. It requires work, better known as effort. That is what I am learning to give.

I'll close with a story about a man in the backwoods of North Carolina. This man is a teacher in a small schoolhouse, and he is looking out over his class on a hot summer day. Sweat pours from his brow as he scans his classroom. The students are all busy, pushing their pencils over sheets of paper, many looking studious, others scared, others even bored. There is Jane, noisily chewing five pieces of bubble gum at once, and Bob is wearing the same outfit he wore yesterday, cowboy boots and dusty jeans.

Just as in every classroom, no one is sitting on the front row. All are, in different modes of concentration, taking a test. The teacher suddenly stands up and quietly tells the students to lay down their pencils. Then he asks them to stand up and follow him.

The students are confused, looking at each other in consternation, as they follow him down the stairs and out onto the school lawn. He doesn't stop there. He leads the students down the road to a small river, over which a small foot-bridge crosses. He leads the students out onto the bridge and stops them, and they all quietly look around.

The teacher looks at John who is

looking up at a small silvery plane trailing off into the distance. The teacher asks him, "Why does it fly?" John doesn't have an answer, but he appears to be wondering about it. A small butterfly flutters by, and the teacher asks Jane why it stays afloat.

Tonya leans over the railing edge and watches the waves ripple by, and the teacher asks her why there are waves in the water when it moves. Well, the students didn't know the answers, but were interested in the questions.

Now, most all stories have an end, but this one doesn't. In fact, this story has never begun. You see, this story is my story. It's my dream. It's what I'd like to do with my life. I'd like to be the teacher who shows students that learning is useful, both the books and the experiences. What right do I have to dream? How I can set such goals? The only answer to that question lies here, at this institution of learning, where I have been learning for four years, both in the classroom and outside it.

You see, the only way I can achieve my dream is to prepare for it. That is why I am here. But I am quite aware that an education such as this would not be at all possible, except for the support of many of you. Many of you have stood by me when the chips were down, giving moral support and friendship.

There are many of you who have given freely of your time and energy, and even your resources, to allow me and the many other students here tonight, the right to dream. I can't really understand it, what all of you have done, or even why you've done the many great things you have, but I am aware that I am in a kind of debt to you that I can't repay. I'm here because you care about the future. Perhaps the least I can do is begin to care about my future, about the future of those I live with, my peers and commit that when I am in the position to help others as you have helped me, I'll be more than ready; I'll be willing.

Thanks so much for your support. Thanks for teaching me to dream and to believe I can make this dream come true.

Introducing



Alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of Lenoir-Rhyne will have the chance to invest in our future as the college launches its first Annual Fund.

The fund, formerly known as the Loyalty Fund, seeks unrestricted gifts for current needs of the college. The goal: \$500,000.

Frances Rhyne Daily '43 is chairperson, while John A. Forlines, Jr., chairman of the L-R Business Council Board of Directors, will head the corporate portion of the drive. Others on the Business Council are Tony Pope of Catawba and from Hickory: Donald Beaver, Larry Houck, Donald Moss, George Moretz, Margie Owsley, Dennis Phillips, Farrell Teague and Peggy Travis. Helping them will be a yet-to-be named steering committee.

This summer, these and other volunteers will contact major donors. The main thrust of the campaign—all alumni and friends—will begin in earnest this fall.

According to Sylvia Bajorek, director of annual giving, the "Annual Fund" name more accurately describes the fund—a year-round drive for unrestricted money.

"The Loyalty Fund was rather vague and included restricted gifts as well as unrestricted," she says. Unrestricted monies are more important than ever, she says, because like all institutions of higher learning, L-R must have a healthy reserve to be used where needs are greatest.

Phil Barringer '73 of Hickory was contacted to have his advertising firm of Barringer & Associates design the new Annual Fund logo for promotional materials.

As in the past, monies will be used for such needs as faculty and staff salaries, building repairs, academic and athletic programs as well as the "unglamorous" costs of operating the college, which was recently estimated at nearly \$2,400 a day just for heat, lights and phone!

The Annual Fund will run June 1, 1993 through May 31, 1994.

1993-94 Leaders

Frances Daily of Greensboro

Frances Rhyne Daily '43 received her M.A. in 1948 from UNC-Greensboro, where she was assistant professor of education for 10 years. Now retired, she has also served as executive director of the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council based in Greensboro where she led a \$2.5 million capital campaign.



"I believe the annual campaign is the best opportunity for alumni, parents and friends to show their continuing interest in and support of Lenoir-Rhyne," she says.

John A. Forlines, Jr. of Granite Falls

John A. Forlines, Jr. is chairman and CEO of Bank of Granite, a community bank with 10 offices in three counties. Since assuming management 40 years ago, he has seen deposits grow from \$1.2 million to \$311 million. He is former president of the N.C. Bankers



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Association and is active in professional, civic and community affairs.

"L-R is an important, value-based part of our community, and the annual fund is vital to the future success of L-R," he says. "I'm pleased to be part of this worthwhile effort."

Class gifts

1943—\$14,550 for 37% participation
1967—\$10,595 for 22% participation



Class of '43

Over the top!

L-R's Loyalty Fund set a new school record. When the final tally was in, \$405,548.86 was raised for unrestricted funds for college operations. The figure topped last year's amount by nearly 50%. The all-time high of \$391,657 was set in 1986-87.

Sylvia Bajorek, director of annual giving, credited the last mailing to donors as making the difference.

A big thanks goes to all donors and those staff and volunteers who helped behind the scenes, particularly:

National Chairperson
Randy Frye '68

Board of Visitors
Frances Rhyne Daily '43,

Board of Trustees
Charles Snipes '58

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Madeleine Dassow '75

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Craig Miller '82
Jamie Treadaway '92



Nora Crump, L-R's public relations secretary, was one of two staffers receiving degrees. An A.B. also went to Sam Tucker of maintenance.



1993 honorees (from left): Dr. William Friday, Hal Flowers, Joseph Lineberger, Rev. Boyce Whitener, Rev. Alex Viola, Clara Bowman.



Dr. Trainer congratulates first honor graduate Mary Lou Smiley.



Dr. Bill Shuford escorts graduates to baccalaureate services.

Chris Stevenson, senior class president, with Dr. Friday.



Todd Elrod beams a commencement smile.



In the last minutes as seniors, the Class of '93 snakes single file around Moretz Gym.

A 294-degree day!

A total of 281 bachelor's degrees, eight master's degrees and five honorary doctorates were conferred in a packed Shuford Gym on May 15. Dr. William C. Friday, president emeritus of the University of North Carolina system, delivered the main address.

"When the urge comes to serve the unfortunate, yield to it; when the call comes to give of yourself in public service, yield to it," Friday said. "When your conscience says reach out to that neighbor in pain, yield to it; when the criticism comes because you did good works—do them again. This is what we call character. It is the personal response that gives meaning and richness to your life."

Mary Lou Smiley of Morganton received the First Honor Award as having the highest cumulative grade point average. She received her A.B. in nursing. Second Honor Award went to English major Julia Kristine Jorgensen of Blair, Neb. Other summa cum laude graduates were Craig Minich of Lutz, Fla. and Kira Zwygart of Valrico, Fla.

In addition, the college recognized six others for outstanding work in church, education and community. Honorary doctorates were awarded to Friday, Doctor of Laws; Hickory

native and engineering consultant Hal Flowers, Doctor of Science; Joseph Lineberger, retired vice president of five Lineberger Family Mills, Doctor of Laws; the Rev. Alexander Viola, rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, Doctor of Divinity, and the Rev. Boyce Whitener, E.L.C.A. mission director for outreach, Doctor of Divinity. Clara Bowman, who worked in the college food service for nearly 50 years, was honored with a Trustee Award.

Dr. Michael McDaniel, director of the L-R Center for Theology, delivered the 10 a.m. baccalaureate sermon in P.E. Monroe Auditorium.

NOTE: If you would like a copy of a graduation day videotape, contact media services, LRC, P.O. Box 7548, Hickory, N.C. 28603. Cost is \$1 to make dubs on your tape, \$9 to ship our copy to you. Copies of Dr. McDaniel's baccalaureate sermon are available at the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations, P.O. Box 7228. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Copies of Dr. Friday's commencement address are available from Sherry Erikson, LRC, P.O. Box 7163.

From left: Dr. Trainer, Nancy Skinner, Odell Moose, Glenn Hilton Jr., Bill Bass, Dr. Ray Bost, George Murphy.



L-R salutes outstanding alumni



New prez
Madeleine Smith Dassow '75, passes gavel to Sandra Cline '72 during Alumni Day.

Dr. Ray Bost '49, former president of Lenoir-Rhyne, was named the 1993 Distinguished Alumnus during the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon May 1.

Bost, who is now president of Newberry College, is an ordained minister who served pastorates in the L.C.A. He has studied at both Yale and Harvard universities and was later president of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has been listed in the *Dictionary of American Scholars* and *Who's Who in America*. In 1976, L-R granted Bost an honorary doctorate of divinity degree for his contributions to higher education.

"At Lenoir-Rhyne, I learned three things," Bost said in receiving the award. "First, there is a truly profound excitement in learning and intellectual pursuits. Second, here through the medium of inspired Christian teaching, I learned that even though her crown may appear a bit tarnished, theology is the queen of learning. And finally, I learned that there is much more to life than learning and theology. There is love which I discovered in my marriage to the former Margaret Vedder '47, whom I met here."

Others honored: Nancy Foil Skinner '52, Service to the Alumni Assn. Award; Glenn Hilton Jr. '61, Service to the Community Award; and Bill Bass '50, Odell Moose '51 and George Murphy '50, Service to the College at Large Award.

Enriching Our Rising Stars

Since Dr. Don Hayes arrived here 22 years ago, Lenoir-Rhyne's enrichment program has become a summer tradition.

Approximately 150 children from grades K-6 were enrolled this year in the three-week course that has put L-R on the map in academically gifted education.

"When I joined the faculty, I had previously served as the first supervisor for gifted programs in the state," he says. Courses in teaching the academically gifted were practically nonexistent. Hayes and others quickly remedied that. In 1976, L-R became among the first in the nation to offer certification to teachers of the academically gifted. The college remains one of three in the state which offers the specialty.

The summer enrichment program, which grew out of the gifted curriculum, started out as a summer day care for faculty and staff.

"Today it's grown to the point that we open it only to gifted children within a 25-mile radius," says Hayes. But

supportive parents, he says, are more than willing to go those extra miles to have their children enrolled. Nominations flood in from area schools each spring, and through tedious review, the pool is pared down.

"We have five nominations for every spot," he says. It speaks highly of the

"We have five nominations for every spot."

—Don Hayes

program's reputation. Kids enhance skills in writing, problem solving, foreign language, using computers, physical education and scientific experiments. Student observers, who are classroom teachers seeking gifted certification, benefit as well from the practicum with the children.

New this summer was a self-development course geared to presenting talents and building self-confidence before a group.

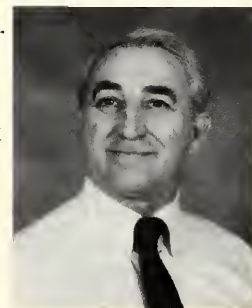
While the enrichment program is only for 15 half-day sessions, the thrust

is to make learning fun. There is no pressure to compete for grades, says Kathy Smith, a Hickory first grade teacher who taught her fourth session this summer.

"The children are encouraged to make decisions and to interact within small groups," she says. All of them know they're special, that it's an honor to be there. Meanwhile, the course is a joy for teachers because the ability level of the class allows projects not normally offered in a regular classroom.

"We accomplish a lot because the children want to be there."

For more information about the summer enrichment program or L-R's gifted certification for teachers, contact Dr. Hayes at P.O. Box 7219, LRC, Hickory, NC 28603 or call (704)328-7191.



Don Hayes

What ever happened to Scott Walker?

A hot topic around the Athletic Department has been the possibility that two 1992 Bear football players, Craig Keith and Russ Baldner (see page 20), could find themselves on National Football League (NFL) rosters.

Surprisingly, that story has basically gone unreported, but it leads to another question: whatever happened to Scott Walker? He was, after all, the last former Bear player to have a serious chance at a pro contract. Actually, Walker, who played for Lenoir-Rhyne from 1987-90, is getting ready for his second season of competition with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Walker will always be remembered as one of L-R's most exciting players. He was a threat to score every time the Bears managed to get the football in his hands. Walker graduated in 1991 with his name dotted throughout the L-R record book. He is the Bears' all-time leader in career kickoff return yards with 2,227 yards. As a wide receiver, he ranks second in yards receiving with 1,998 career yards.

The turn of events that led to Walker's ascent to CFL and his arrival at L-R were quite similar —both locales were his second choice. Obviously, his first pro choice was the NFL. Though he had a few tryouts in front of scouts after graduation, he failed to make the cut. But instead of giving up on the pros, he had his agent Clyde Wrenn contact a number of Canadian Football League teams. While Wrenn was getting busy, Walker coached football and taught math at Anson High School in Wadesboro, N.C.

Wrenn reported back in January of 1992 and had good news. The CFL was staging a tryout session in Mobile, not far from Walker's hometown of Vernon, Ala. To make a long story short, Walker appeared at the tryout and two weeks later received an offer from Hamilton to sign a one-year contract. Walker spent much of the 1992 season on the Tiger Cats' practice roster before being activated by the team to return kicks and punts just prior to the playoffs. His performance while returning kicks helped Hamilton advance to the second

round of the playoffs before being eliminated by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. It also led to Walker landing another contract for the upcoming season.

Ironically, L-R had been Walker's second choice as a college. He became a Bear in 1987 after transferring from Livingston College in Alabama.

"Things just didn't click for me at Livingston," said Walker. "Deciding to come to Lenoir-Rhyne is definitely the best move I've ever made. I enjoyed the campus academically and I seemed to fit right in with the football team." One reason Walker found success with football at L-R was that his coach, former Bear mentor John Perry, spent a great deal of time on special team playing (i.e. kick and punt returns).

"We spent time everyday after practice working on our kick return teams," said Walker while remembering back to his junior year when he led the NAIA in kickoff returns with a school-record 34.5 yard per return average. "Coach Perry took pride in the success we had on special teams."

Although Walker, who stands at 5'7" and weighs 180 pounds, has not given up hope of playing in the NFL, he readily

admits that the Canadian game is made for one his size.

"They play with wider fields up here which gives us a lot of field to run around on," said Walker. "That gives the small guy like me an advantage against the defense that runners in the NFL don't get."

Another difference between the two leagues is that the season in Canada starts two months earlier. So while his former teammates Keith and Baldner are trying to crack into the NFL, Walker will already be busy returning kicks for Hamilton.

Does he have any advice for his buddies that he passed along during a recent visit to Hickory? "You bet I did," said Walker. "I told them to take advantage of their opportunity and to do anything they could to make an impression. You need to be versatile and most of all you need to concentrate. When you get to that level, everyone has talent. It is the guys who do the little extras who make it."



Scott Walker sprints across Moretz Stadium.

Looking ahead to football

Lenoir-Rhyne's attempt to improve upon its 5-5 finish of a year ago will hinge on the output of a few "big play" performers on both sides.

Offensively, tailback Leonard Davis will likely see the ball a great deal again in 1993. Davis, the NAIA's second leading rusher last year with 1,308 yards, will be looking to All-American status again in 1993, this time at the NCAA Division II level. He was a second-team NAIA All-American choice in 1992.

Another offensive threat at coach Charles Forbes' disposal is junior Shannon Myers. Known as a possession receiver with speed, Myers caught 32 passes in 1992 for 600 yards (18.8 yards per catch).

Forbes has yet to choose who will be handing the ball off to Davis or throwing it to Myers. The top candidates appear

to be last year's starter, Robb Stamey, or Shawn Johnson. Stamey threw for 1,364 yards and nine TD's while completing just under 50% of his passes. Johnson is primarily a running quarterback who looked good as a freshman backing up Stamey.

Defensively, the Bears have two All-American candidates in Raeford Sparks and Marty McEachean. Sparks is a linebacker who led the 1992 L-R team with 73 tackles. The senior always seems to be around the ball as evidenced by his 12 tackles for loss, three sacks and four deflected passes. McEachean, a senior, recorded five interceptions, eight deflected passes and 46 tackles despite watching teams throw away from him at his cornerback position.

Charles Forbes embarks on his third season as head coach.



Charles Forbes

Year highlighted by championships

This spring was clearly the highlight of the Lenoir-Rhyne athletic year. During "March Madness", the men's basketball team brought the campus and the whole community to a fever pitch. In its first visit to the NAIA National Basketball Tournament in 34 years, L-R fared quite well as it advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Hawaii Pacific, the eventual champions. The Bears' memorable finish raised their final record to 25-7.

Soccer

Lenoir-Rhyne's trip to Kansas City was preceded by two post-season tourney championships, a NAIA District 26 Tournament title and a South Atlantic Conference Tournament crown. Another L-R team to capture a SAC Championship was the Men's Soccer team. Under the guidance of coach Tom Melville, the Bears won the conference tournament en-route to a 11-8-1 finish. The championship was the school's first ever title in the sport of soccer.

Led by basketball, the men's sports at L-R posted a 58-44 combined record (.569).

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Guilford	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Newberry	AWAY	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	OPEN		
Sept. 25	Presbyterian	HOME	7:30 p.m.
	(Parent's Weekend & Lutheran Youth Day)		
Oct. 2	Elon	AWAY	2 p.m.
Oct. 9	Gardner-Webb	AWAY	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Wingate	HOME	7:30 p.m.
	(Fall break)		
Oct. 23	Wofford	HOME	2 p.m.
	(Homecoming)		
Oct. 30	Carson-Newman	AWAY	TBA
Nov. 6	Mars Hill	AWAY	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Catawba	HOME	2 p.m.

Baseball

Lenoir-Rhyne's season came to an abrupt end as the team was eliminated by fourth-seeded Wingate in the first round of the South Atlantic Conference Tournament. The Bulldogs advanced by defeating the fifth-seeded Bears, 5-4. The setback lowered L-R's final record to 16-17 (10-11 in SAC).

It was a season of streaks for the Bears as they started the year with a 1-6

record before winning 14 of 16 games in the middle of the campaign. After reaching a high-water mark of 15-8, L-R closed out the season with just one win in its last 10 games.

NOTE: Senior Bryan Craig equalled the school's all-time RBI record in his final game. The Lenoir-Rhyne outfielder finished with 87 career RBI and now shares the school record with Mike Wheless (1984-86).

Lady Bear softball

Lenoir-Rhyne closed out its season on a successful note as it advanced to the round of four in the South Atlantic Conference Tournament before being eliminated. The Lady Bears, with a starting lineup that featured six sophomores and two freshmen, finished the campaign with a 12-14 mark (.462). The 1993 record is a noticeable improvement over their 1992 finish of 17-24 (.414).



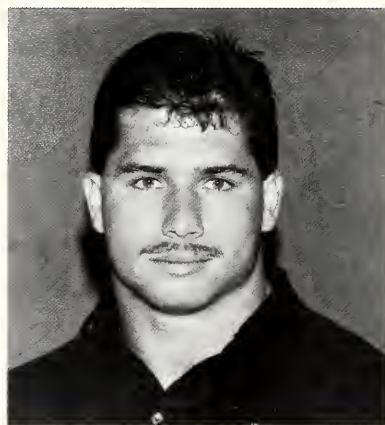
Steelers draft Keith

The Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League has made Craig Keith of Lenoir-Rhyne College their seventh round pick in the college draft.

Keith, a 6' 4", 252-pound tight end from Raleigh, was the 189th player and twelfth tight end chosen in the draft. He will be joining a Steeler team that currently has four other tight ends including starter Eric Green.

Keith capped off his Bear career by being an honorable mention NAIA All-American. He recorded 24 pass receptions this past year for 294 yards. An excellent blocker, Keith was a finalist for the South Atlantic Conference's blocking award the past two years. He also was very instrumental in opening up holes for L-R's Leonard Davis, a tailback who also gained All-American status in 1992 after rushing for 1,308 yards.

Keith becomes the sixth player in L-R history to be drafted by the NFL. The last Bear football player to be drafted was wide receiver Chip Sheffield, a 12th round pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1977. Keith's selection in the seventh round makes him the second highest draftee in school history. The only other player to be drafted higher was Mike Campbell (sixth round to St. Louis Cardinals in 1967). Wayne Bell of Lenoir-Rhyne was also a seventh round selection in 1967.



Baldner signs Oiler free agent contract

The Houston Oilers and Russ Baldner have announced that they have come to an agreement on a free agent contract.

Baldner, a fullback who is coming off an all-conference senior campaign for the Bears, reported with other Oiler rookies to a mini-training camp from May 31 to June 12. While there, he attempted to receive an invite to Houston's full training camp scheduled for July 21st in San Antonio.

The Oilers ended the 1992 season with three backs on their 40-man roster and did not draft a ball carrier in the recently concluded college draft. They have indicated that they expect to sign a few more free agent backs.

Baldner, a 5'11", 225-pound graduate of Crystal River High School in Crystal River, Fla., proved to be a versatile player throughout his Lenoir-Rhyne career. His best season as a runner came during his junior year when he rushed for 724 yards on 181 carries with five touchdowns. As a senior, Baldner was utilized primarily as a blocker for Leonard Davis, the second leading rusher in the NAIA. When he wasn't the lead blocker for Davis and his 1,308 yards, Baldner rushed for 313 yards on 99 attempts.

Baldner, who is also an excellent special team's player, has agreed to a conditional contract that is exercised when and if he makes the team.

OUR COLLEGE OUR FUTURE

Scholarships to aid Lutherans

Our College-Our Future Campaign, which officially ended May 31, was focused on implementing L-R's single largest scholarship fund for Lutheran students in the state. To date, more than \$2,728,536 has been pledged to OCOF for L-R. The figure represents 136.4% of the \$2 million goal set by the 1990 Synod Assembly. The amount raised includes \$1,850,993 for the Martin Luther Fellows program. Thanks to the generosity of 185 congregations plus individuals and other funding available, the scholarships are assured.

Under the leadership of co-chairmen Bachmann Brown and Robert Stackel and honorary chairperson Opal Moretz, the three-year campaign also enlisted the aid of OC-OF campaign committee members David Hoyle, Brady Faggart, David Martin, John Misenheimer, Ronald Rinn, Nancy Skinner and Peter Wuebbens.

The first Martin Luther Fellows will be selected this academic year and enter L-R in the fall of 1994. Martin Luther Fellows will be selected from rising high school seniors by individual churches, with each scholarship worth \$1,000. In addition, all Fellows are guaranteed that L-R will meet their complete need as determined by the federal Financial Aid Form. For complete details, contact Tim Jackson in admissions at 328-7300 or 1-800-277-5721.



From left: Robert Stackel, Opal Moretz, Bachmann Brown



Row 1 (from left): Sally Dixon, Molly Sessoms, Deborah Frye. Row 2: Ted Thuesen, Angela Hall, Mary Newton, Mike Riley. Row 3: Clarence Pugh, Barbara Hoy, Rebecca Coleman, Jay Thompson.

11 honored for service

Lenoir-Rhyne honored 11 faculty, staff, students and others during the 4th annual Christian Service Recognition event at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory. Among those recognized:

—Sally Shumate Dixon '72 of Morganton for her work with the hearing impaired. She trains interpreters for her church, First Baptist in Morganton.

—Ted Thuesen, professor of sociology, who is also an ordained supply minister for the N.C. Synod.

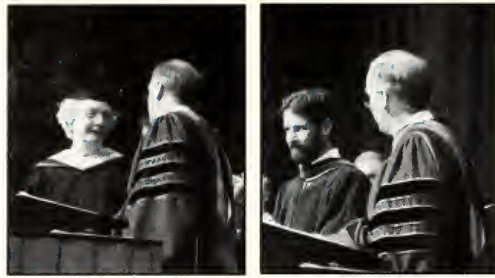
—Mike Riley, director of student development and counseling, for his role in developing Pathways spiritual retreat for students and Prologue student orientation and the multicultural awareness committee.

—Clarence Pugh, associate vice president for college relations/planned giving, who is state president of Lutheran Men in Mission, a delegate to the National Assembly ELCA and is active in many other church and community groups.

Students honored included Molly Sessoms of Lumberton, Mary Newton of Fayetteville, Angela Hall of Burlington, Jay Thompson of Raleigh, Deborah Frye and Rebecca Coleman of Hickory and Barbara Hoy of Columbia, S.C.

Hickory church donates to center

Dr. Michael McDaniel, director of the Center for Theology, recently accepted a \$1,000 donation for the center from Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ, Hickory. Joseph Davidson, president of the Corinth consistory, made the presentation which will be used to further develop the center founded in 1991 to promote ecumenical dialogue.



Dr. Trainer congratulates Thelma Rast and Jeff Wright.

Wright, Rast lauded at convocation

Dr. Jeff Wright and Professor Thelma Rast received top billing during the campuswide honors convocation May 5. Wright, assistant professor of economics, received the Raymond M. Bost Distinguished Professor Award, the highest honor given to a faculty member for outstanding teaching. He has been on the faculty since 1989.

Meanwhile, the Roediger Distinguished Service Professorship went to Thelma Rast, professor of music. Ms. Rast, who received the Bost Award in 1974, began as a piano instructor at L-R in 1946. Professor Rast received a second high honor at the convocation when the senior class dedicated the 1993 *Hacawa* to Ms. Rast for "the excellence of her career, her classroom and her life." Ms. Rast has since resigned after 47 years of service, giving up the distinction as L-R's most senior faculty member.



Campaign tops \$27.7 million

Under the leadership of General Chairman Harley F. Shuford, L-R's \$24 million Centennial Renewal campaign has raised an unofficial total of \$27,760,891, according to figures reported May 31. Though the six-year campaign ended on that date and revenues will not be officially audited until later this summer, Centennial Renewal was by far the most successful major gifts campaign in L-R history. The last such drive brought in about \$11 million during the 1970s.

The \$27.7 million pledged figure represents 115.6% of the original goal of \$24 million, said Al Wheeler, vice president for institutional advancement.

"We are extremely pleased with the level of support shown by our many constituencies: alumni, parents, faculty & staff and friends." The more than \$409,000 pledged by faculty and staff members represented 100% participation, a rarity that earned the college national recognition.

A considerable share, Wheeler also pointed out, came from the Unifour area including Hickory and surrounding counties. The total also includes some \$2.7 million raised by the N.C. Synod (see page 21.)

"Centennial Renewal was just one more example of the unique town/gown relationship we enjoy with the community," he said.

All donors and volunteers will be officially recognized campuswide during Thank You Day on Oct. 22.

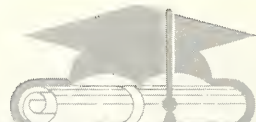
Synod stays put

The Annual Assembly of the N.C. Synod of the E.L.C.A. will return to L-R next spring. The vote taken during the May assembly sparked debate, but when votes were cast, the ayes prevailed. A site selection committee, acting on a vote taken last year to move the 1994 Annual Assembly elsewhere, had recommended the Guilford College campus in Greensboro, which is more central to the state. However, relocation would have proven more costly for individual participants due to higher housing rates.

Biotech grant received

The biology department has received a \$46,000 grant from the N.C.

Biotechnology Center to enhance equipment for teaching cell and molecular biology lab skills. Dr. John Bisbee, chairman of the biology department, who wrote the grant, said it is "an important validation of the quality of past educational efforts and a significant expression of support for future efforts." Much of the new equipment will be housed in the laboratory recently renovated with a gift from Janirve Foundation.

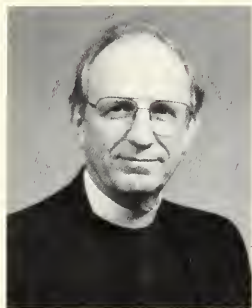


**Graduation
Aug. 13**

Summer graduation exercises will be Friday, Aug. 13 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. A reception on the church lawn is planned immediately after the 10:30 a.m. event.

Milholland chairs Board of Trustees

The Rev. Dr. William F. Milholland was elected interim chairman of the Board of Trustees June 3. His selection was made one month after the resignation of chairman Jim Phillips, who stepped down from the board, citing pressures of time and energy needed to start his new furniture company.



Rev. William Milholland

Rev. Milholland has been pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Hickory since 1975. He is a graduate of Catawba College and

Lutheran Theological Seminary and has served pastorates in Burlington, Roanoke and Wilmington. He and his wife Mary Anne are parents of four sons, three of whom are L-R graduates. Of those, two are ordained Lutheran pastors.



L-R tradition

Faculty and staff cooked and served more than 1,000 pancakes and other breakfast entrees for students during final exams May 7. Helping out with the 10-year tradition were VP & Dean for Academic Affairs Robert Spuller and professor John Bisbee (foreground).

Boards announce newcomers

All three boards—Trustees, Visitors and Alumni Association—welcomed new faces to their ranks as well as some new officers.

Five individuals became trustees during the recent Synod Assembly. They are the Rev. Dr. Robert Stackel, a retired Lutheran pastor of Matthews, and from Hickory: George Moretz, vice president of Carolina Mills in Maiden, N.C.; Charles Dixon, a partner with Patrick, Harper & Dixon in Hickory; George Blackwelder of Blackwelder Properties and Tom Reese, president of The Hickory Printing Group, Inc.

Re-elected to another term were Boyd George of Hickory, Betty Lohr of

Shelby, William McCullough of Raleigh, the Rev. David Misenheimer of Charlotte and the Rev. Ronald Rinn of Winston-Salem.

Visitors

The Board of Trustees, in turn, have approved nine people to serve their first-three-year terms. They are: Derek Bates, president & CEO of START/The STAR Foundation of Sarasota, Fla.; David Bethune, group vice president of American Cyanamid, Wayne, N.J.; Charles Klein, principal of Parkland School District, Allentown, Pa.; Bruce Meisner, president and owner of Bruce E. Meisner Appraisal Co. of Hickory; Dr. Alfred Moretz of Moretz Sportsmedicine of Hickory; John Schenk, president of Hickory Furniture Mart; Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw College, Marietta, Ga.; Marshall Vermillion, executive vice president of First Union National Bank of Orlando, Fla.; and William Roxby Jr., president of N.R. Pennypacker & Co. of Flourtown, Pa.

Returning for another term: Mickey Dry of Winston-Salem; Christoph Klingspor and Carolyn Moretz of Hickory; Jim McCoy and Hank McCrorie of Charlotte; and Tony Pope of Claremont.

Alumni Association

Sandra R. Cline '72, a sales representative of Belmont, has assumed presidency of the Association Board of Directors, while Ray Ratchford '65, a marketing manager from Salisbury, joins Julie Kettner Huffman '82 as a vice president.

New directors, with terms expiring in 1996: Vernon Hedrick '56, a Realtor of Charlotte; Neill McGeachy Jr. '66, a sports promoter of Charlotte; Monica White Dwyer '70, a teacher of Chadds Ford, Pa.; Thomas Cloninger '75, an executive from Gastonia, Jeffrey Jones '83, a lawyer from South Charleston, W.Va., and Meg Spivey '90, an accountant from Hickory.



Virginia Hawn



Tom Blackburn

Professors emeriti

Retiring math professors Tom Blackburn '45 and Virginia Hawn '49 were designated professors emeriti by the Board of Trustees this spring. Together, they made up half the math department and had 83 years of service between them.

Business Council honors Long

Dr. Joe Long, president of Regency Home Fashions of Conover, was named Business Leader of the Year by the L-R Business Council. Long is active in many civic, church and community affairs and is a member of the Board of Visitors as well as the Business Council.



Dr. Joe Long

Dates to Remember

Aug. 21-23	New Student Orientation
Sept. 25	Family Day, Lutheran Youth Day
Oct. 14-17	Fall break
Oct. 22	Thank You Day
Oct. 23	Homecoming
Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving break
Dec. 15	Christmas break

Language festival attracts 1,400

An estimated 1,400 high schoolers, teachers and parents converged at L-R in April for the annual language festival. Students representing 28 area high schools competed in language contests and got a chance to view the campus first-hand. The event was coordinated by Dr. Gabriele Weinberger and Dr. Dan Kuropas.

PBL garners awards

Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity won the Gold Seal Chapter Award for the 6th straight year. It's the highest honor a chapter can receive. In addition, three students were named to Who's Who in North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda: Marla Fisher of Morganton, Kimberly Jhugdeo of Hickory and Jacqueline Hartsoe of Newton. Their adviser is Dr. Robert Simmons, professor of business.

England-bound scholars

Dr. Ted Theusen, professor of sociology/psychology, and nine students will represent Lenoir-Rhyne at Harlaxton College in England this fall. Located in a 100-room Victorian mansion in the English Midlands, Harlaxton is an extension campus of the University of Evansville, with which L-R has had a contractual agreement to send students to England since 1988. About 150 students attend each semester including about 125 Americans and 25 from other nations. The L-R group will study English culture as well as liberal arts.



Some headed to England (from left): Kimberly Jhugdeo, Dr. Theusen, Suzy Young, Kurt Ehland, Bren Stokes, Katrina Schiefer, Leah Abbott. Dr. Russ Benton, (right) director of international studies, is coordinating the event.



Classy gift

Students will have a permanent site for volleyball, thanks to the Class of '93. Construction on the courts behind Schaeffer Hall was completed this spring. The class also committed \$400 to the Annual Fund.

Jazz event draws 700

L-R's first-ever jazz festival drew about 700 people to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hickory on April 18. The concert, featuring singer Maria Howell, Morning Star Baptist Choir and Rick Dior and the Jazz Ensemble, was a big boost to the Changing Images program. As a result, the Hickory Community Relations Council has awarded a \$3,000 grant to continue the cultural program next year.



Crawdad fever hits campus

Professional baseball is back in Hickory, and L-R got in on the excitement during the Crawdads' 11th home game at the still-being-completed Frans Stadium near the airport. "L-R Night" drew more than 300 faculty, staff, students and family members. President Trainer's pitch was officially declared a "strike" over the plate, and senior Vera Mauney—current Miss Hickory and daughter of Professor Bill Mauney—sang the national anthem.

SUMMER 1993

From the Alumni President

Would you like Willard Scott to one day announce that you're 100 years old? Two University of Georgia professors have studied 96 centenarians and found that diet, exercise and genetics aren't necessarily the keys to longevity. Optimism, commitment to something and activity play a bigger role.

I've also read about studies recently that show people who give back their time and resources to the community get in return a positive self image and better health, happiness, prosperity, more friends, peace and security.

Dr. Wayne King of Central Wesleyan College, a small church-related liberal arts college in South Carolina, once checked into a motel one night and decided to visit the vending machines. There he found a 9- or 10-year old feeding quarters into the machine. Finally he pointed out to the boy that he had put way too much money into the machine.

"No," the child replied. "You see, the more money I put in, the more stuff I get out."

Get involved, volunteer, contribute to your community, your child's school, your church, your alma mater. Help Lenoir-Rhyne by encouraging students to consider L-R, support your alumni association by attending events and meetings and contribute financially to this institution. You'll get much more back the more you put in.

Sandra Cline



Sandra Cline

THE 40s

John H. Suther '40 of Tacoma, Wash., writes that his wife of 51 years, Martha (Alexander), died on Feb. 11, after a brief illness. They met at L-R on June 10, 1936... The Rev. **Leroy C. Trexler '43** of Cherryville has been interim pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Cherryville, since September 1991... The Rev. Dr. **R. Harold Terry '45** of Elon College and his wife, Kathryn, are the new co-editors of *Soli Deo Gloria*, the quarterly journal of worship, music and the arts, published by the N.C. Synod's Worship and Music Committee... **David A. Hunsucker '46** of Catawba and his wife, Rae, are the chairpersons of the Eastern Catawba County Division of the 1993 United Arts Fund Drive... Dr. **James William Fresh '49** is a retired physician and lives in Green Cove, Fla., with his wife, Frances.

THE 50s

The Rev. **C. Bernard Troutman '50** of New Market, Va., was named Chaplain of the Year at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital... The Rev. Dr. **Brady Y. Faggart, Jr. '52** of Greensboro retired, after 18 years, in April as the pastor of First Lutheran Church. Brady is spending the summer in Arden as interim executive director for Lutheridge/ Lutherock... **Catherine Bowden Norris '52** of Hickory retired in May following 31 years as teacher and director of the kindergarten program at Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ in Hickory. In recognition of her service, the congregation honored Kitty at a church reception on May 23... The Rev. Dr. **Paul Luther Conrad '53** of Winston-Salem retired after 20 years in April as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany. Paul works part-time in church relations and development with Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas... Dr. **George Ennis '54** of Hickory was elected chairman of the local board of directors for Southern National Bank of North Carolina... **Brady W. '54** and **Betty (Beaver '53) Ratchford** have retired on a farm in Blackstock, S.C.... A portrait of The Rev. **Robert Q. Beard '55**, interim pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, was unveiled April 18 while dedicating Trinity Oaks, a Lutheran retirement center in Salisbury. Robert was recognized for his leadership with the aged in North Carolina. He and wife, Carrie, live in Troutman... **Walter L. Drury '56** of Sanford is manager of regulatory and legislative affairs for Alltel Carolina, Inc... Dr. **Paul Lutz '56** of Greensboro is president of

the N.C. Academy of Science (NCAS), the first UNC-G faculty member to serve as president in 30 years... Dr. **Gerald S. Troutman '56** of Atlanta is director of resource development for Lutheran Ministries of Georgia in Atlanta. Gerald also works part-time with the ELCA's Division for Ministry and Department for Synodical Relations... **Jean Walker Ross '57** of Landis is in her 35th year of teaching at Landis Elementary School... **Jerry L. Austin '58** of Hudson is state chairman of the Eye and Human Tissue Bank. A retired educator, Jerry devotes many hours to the Hudson Lions Club's activities and to the eye bank... **Tom Einstein '58** was honored at a luncheon on Jan. 29, marking his retirement from the *Greensboro News & Record* after 35 years. He and wife, **Maxine (McDaniel) '58**, live in Greensboro... **Joyce Lyons Person '59** and husband, Harmon, live in Ft. Thomas, Ky., and are the parents of two college students—Scott and Mary. Joyce is on the board of trustees for Wood Hudson Cancer Research Lab and heads the speakers committee.

THE 60s

Reginald W. Kahill '61 of Winston-Salem, manager of the tax department of Cannon & Company, was awarded the American Institute of CPAs Certificate of Educational Achievement following his successful completion of its course on tax planning and advising for closely-held businesses... **John C. Barringer '62** is regional sales manager for Rome Machine & Foundry Company of Rome, Ga. John previously sold environmental equipment for Acutest Corporation of Houston... **Eddie Holbrook '62** of Shelby, president of Four Star Sports, Inc., joined the Gardner-Webb University staff as assistant to the vice president for university relations... **Clarence L. Pugh, Sr. '62** of Newton was honored as a recipient of the Christian Service Recognition Award during a service sponsored by the Campus Ministries Forum of Lenoir-Rhyne College... **John David Bryson '63** is chief financial officer of Synalloy Corporation in Spartanburg, S.C., where he and wife, Marcia, live... **Lois Elizabeth Sigman Conley '63** of Belmont retired after teaching 30 years in Gaston County Schools... **Jerry McIntosh '63** of Hickory is controller of Shuford Mills, Inc., where he has been employed since December 1975 as chief accountant... **Judy Mavin Gilbert '64** of Lincolnton, principal of G.E. Massey Elementary School, was named N.C. Principal of the Year by the N.C. Association of Educators. Judy was lauded by NCAE

officials as an innovator and outstanding leader... **J.M. "Jay" Boggs '65** of Montgomery, Ala., is chief of the Resource Division, USAF Chaplain Service Institute, at Maxwell Air Force Base... **Joe R. Bost '66** of Whitnel, principal of Gamewell Elementary School, won the prestigious Wachovia Bank Principal of the Year award for Caldwell County... **Judy Kluttz Sink '66 & '92** of Boone, director of the Northwest Science and Math Partnership at ASU, was selected by the Mr. Wizard Foundation to create two science teaching programs. Filmed at Nickelodeon Studios in Orlando, these programs, funded by the Mr. Wizard Foundation and the National Science Foundation, will be aired this fall... **J. Allen Biggerstaff '67** of Vale, principal of Fred T. Foard High School, is the 1993 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Catawba County... **John W. Teague '67**, employed at National Starch and Chemical Company's Salisbury manufacturing facility, is Southeast district sales supervisor for Bondmaster products in the adhesives division. He lives in Hickory with wife, Lana, and son, Luke... **Terry R. Lawrence '68** of Hickory is in his 28th year of service as a Catawba County educator. In addition to the Hickory Landmarks Society, Terry also is involved with Gov. Jim Hunt's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office... Dr. **Janette Lowman Sims '68** of Conover is the first director of the Learning Assistance Center at CVCC in Hickory... **Jane Whitton MacDonald Cureton '69** is a commercial real estate appraiser and lives in Santa Fe, N.M.... The Rev. Dr. **William Frederick Gilroy '69** of Linthicum, Md., is senior pastor of St. John Lutheran Church and also is a Lt. Comm. in the Naval Reserves. Bill celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination in May... **H. Sam Livengood, Jr. '69** of Boulder, Colo., is the customer service director for General Services Administration Federal Supply Service in the Rocky Mountain



Judy Gilbert

region. Sam writes: "If any friends are in Colorado skiing, please call me at 303-440-7851"... **Peggy J. McCarter '69** of East Flat Rock is an enrichment specialist for the talented, academically able, and gifted program in the Henderson County Public Schools. Peggy and her school, Flat Rock Junior High, won the 1992 Governor's School of Excellence Award for this innovative program. She has presented this concept to state conventions and will present it to the national convention this fall.



Peggy McCarter

THE 70s

mother of Scott, Jaclyn and Brian and is working toward a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter certification...

Stephen L. Hilton '71 of Hickory is the new assistant superintendent of Catawba County Schools... **Sally Shumate Dixon '72** of Morganton was honored as a recipient of the Christian Service Recognition Award during a service sponsored by the Campus Ministries Forum of Lenoir-Rhyne College. Sally is a science/mathematics instructor in the middle school at the N.C. School for the Deaf in Morganton... The Rev. Dr. **D. Lee Jessup, Jr. '73** of Lexington is the director of development for the United Church Retirement Homes, Inc., Newton... **Daniel Mercer '73** of Pennsauken, N.J., is vice president and supervisor of commercial loan documentation for BMJ Financial Corporation, a bank holding company in Bordentown, N.J... **Janie Parks Peak '73** of Gastonia presented a paper, "The Effects of the Computerized Accelerated Reader Program on Reading Achievement", at the Eastern Educational Research Association's annual meeting in February ... **Ann Conrad Ragan '73** of Pfafftown is an English teacher at Mt. Tabor High School in Winston-Salem. She and husband, Joel, have two children—Conrad and Clay... **John H. Falls '74** of New Orleans, is vice president/national sales manager of Sterncraft, headquartered in New York... Major(Ret.) **John Huss '74** retired from the Army and is working for Merrill Lynch in Columbia, S.C... **Bernard L. Keiser, Jr. '75** of Charlotte Amalie, V.I., works for Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Resort in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands... "**Lee Lee**" **Depew Lekavich '75** of Norfolk, Va.,

Janet Brown Shell '70 of Charlotte is supervisor of underwriting for US Fidelity & Guaranty Company. Janet is the

recently received a master's degree in teaching from Norfolk State University...

Lois Day Reinemann '75 of Florissant, Mo., is a part-time occupational health nurse at Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis... **Rebecca Freedle Brown '76** of Salisbury was selected Teacher of the Year for the 1992-93 school year at China Grove Elementary School... The Rev. **Howard G. Baker '77** of Rockwell is assistant pastor at Organ Lutheran Church in Salisbury... **John Westervelt, Jr. '77** of Charleston, S.C., received an MSW degree from the University of South Carolina. John works as a substance abuse counselor... **Miriam Sigmon Hunt '78** of Charlotte was the 1992 Teacher of the Year at Fort Mill Elementary School... **Charles F. Connor III '79** of Claremont, vice president/ chief executive officer of County-Wide Insurance in Claremont, was named to Integon Life Insurance Corporation's President's Round Table as well as its Excalibur Club... **Patricia Seamens Filus '79** is working in surgical oncology at the VA Medical Center in East Orange, N.J. She and husband, Steve, reside with their three children in Sparta, N.J... **Charles Ronald Howard '79** of Clyde, a teacher at Tuscola High School in Waynesville, is included in the second edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 1992*... **Natalie R. Jones '79** teaches physical education and health at First Assembly Christian School in Winston-Salem, where she makes her home... **Christina Reaux Tregoning '79** is "very happy" teaching second grade in the Montgomery County School System and living once again in Maryland. She and husband, Douglas, live in Germantown, Md.

THE 80s

Donna Buckley Juergenson '80 lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with her husband, Duncan, a Corp of Engineers employee, and their two sons—Nick and Stephen. Donna teaches English to the Japanese community and works with Saudi hearing impaired children... **Gregg Lauffenburger '80** of Hickory is a psychiatric counselor on the adult unit at Ten Broeck Hospital... **Richard Armstrong, Jr. '81** of Taylorsville received the First Union Ben Craig Outstanding Educator Award for Alexander County. Richard is a history teacher at Alexander Central High School... **Linda Phillippi Dunn '81** teaches fifth grade and lives in Church Hill, Tenn., with husband, Victor. Linda received a master's degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University... **Kimberly Richardson Wood '81** of Eden is a teacher

of preschool disabilities students for Rockingham County Consolidated Schools... **Ruth L. Albert '82** of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is responsible for the curriculum resources and audiovisual/video areas in the Augsburg Fortress bookstore in Columbus, Ohio...

Charles E. Kolstad '83 of Wilkesboro was named a partner in the firm of Benson, Blevins, Drum and Thomas, CPAs, of North Wilkesboro... **Cindy Sigmon Miller '82** of Claremont is associate director of professional services at Kimberly Quality Care, Home Health, Statesville. Cindy was included in *Who's Who in American Nursing 1993-94* and in Citation's *Who's Who Registry of Rising Young Americans for 1993*...

Cynthia K. Taylor

'83 of Boone is enrolled in ASU pursuing a graduate degree in communication disorders...

Elizabeth K. Hillman Dillon '83 of Roanoke, Va., was named senior attorney



Elizabeth Dillon

with the law firm of Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove in Roanoke... **Sherry Sipe Hardee '85** of Granite Falls is perioperative clinical specialist in the surgical suite at Catawba Memorial Hospital. Sherry is pursuing a master's degree in nursing adult health education at UNC-G and plans to graduate in 1994... The Rev. **Paul Milholland '85** of Hampton, Va., serves on two local boards - Hampton Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (HELP) and Lutheran Family Services, Tidewater Region. In addition, he is involved in local school as well as Virginia Synod activities... **Ken C. '85** and **Patty (Lowrie '85) Oesch** live in Richmond Hall, Ga., with their two young children - Taryn and Charles. Ken is corporate controller with Bell Equipment. Patty is a busy homemaker... **Carol Ring Hemphill '86** of Hickory was named an education officer at First Citizens Bank in Hickory. Carol is a regional operations educator... **J. Reid Suggs '86** of Wilmington is a group buyer for seven Belk's stores ... **Kathy Bauer Crump '87** of Hickory is vice president of membership services at the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce... **Nora Fulmer Ford '87** of Granite Falls was promoted to senior accountant, audit services, for the Hickory office of Deloitte & Touche... **Darren L. '87** and **Paige (Thomas '86) King** are enjoying their tour of duty in Ansbach, Germany. Darren is an OH-58 helicopter pilot for the Army and Paige is a caseworker for the American Red Cross. Their daughter, Hunter Elizabeth, celebrated her first birthday on Feb. 10 ... **Debra Cozart Beach**

'88 of Hickory, a buyer with Regal Manufacturing Company, earned certification as purchasing manager of the National Association of Purchasing Management... **Bill "Twig" Branch '88** of Charlotte is an NBA basketball scout for the Charlotte Hornets team... **Heidi Ernst '88** of Washington was promoted to assistant to the associate editor of *National Geographic*... **Heather McIntire '88** of Florence, S.C., works in the neonatal ICU at McLeod Regional Medical Center... Carol Mercante, sister of **Rob Mercante '88**, writes to inquire "If anyone is traveling to Guatemala and wouldn't mind carrying a small care package for him from his parents, please call us collect at 914-245-1034"... **Donna Little Morgan '88** resides in the Republic of Panama with husband, Robert, who is serving with the US Army... **Patricia Barger Abernathy '89** of Lincolnton is supervisor of roller bearing processing at The Timken Company's Lincolnton bearing plant... **Hugh B. Campbell III '89** of Hickory, audit senior with the CPA firm of Jenkins, Davidson, Holland & Company, was promoted to audit manager... **Paula Lail Dagenhardt '89** of Hickory is an administrative audit associate with the CPA firm of Jenkins, Davidson, Holland & Company... **Elizabeth Phillips Decker '89** of Fayetteville is employed at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center... **Beth Tucker Holloway '89** and husband, Tom, moved to Singapore after a transfer with his landscape architecture firm. Formerly living in Sonora, Calif., they plan to remain in Singapore for one to three years... **Thad "Rocky" Lutz '89** of Kings Mountain is an assistant district attorney, assigned to prosecute cases in Lincoln County District Court... **C. Lee Pugh, Jr. '89** of Sanford was promoted to banking officer at Southern National Bank in Sanford... **Dr. K. Bettina Royston '89** of Gastonia was awarded a Doctor of Chiropractic degree by Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Mo. Bettina is an associate of The Bradley Clinic in Gastonia.

THE 90s

Denise Marie Gold '90 of Charlotte is employed by NationsBank in the management associate program... **Sara L. Hembrock '90** of Baltimore is an evening nurse manager at the V. A. Medical Center in Baltimore, where she has purchased a home. Sara plans to enter the University of Maryland in spring 1994 to study for a master's degree... **Meg Spivey '90** of Hickory was promoted to staff accountant in the tax department of the CPA firm of Jenkins, Davidson, Holland & Company... **Marga C. Torrence '90** of Vienna, Va.,

worked as a French/English interpreter for the FAA at the Paris Air Show in June 1992, and then continued her legal studies with the Dickinson School of Law summer program in Strasbourg, France and Vienna, Austria, during July... **Mary Swerbinsky Younce '90** of Lenoir was selected by Rotary International to participate in the Group Study Exchange to Blackpool, England. Mary is employed at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and also teaches part-time at Caldwell Community College... **Valerie Lynne Poust '91** has been working as a technical services assistant in the Carl V. Rudisill Library at Lenoir-Rhyne. Beginning in September, she will be attending the school of library and information science at the University of Pittsburgh in pursuit of a career as a youth services librarian... **Douglas W. Urland '91** of Washington is employed by the US Department of Justice,



Jennifer Quinn

Federal Bureau of Prisons. Doug received a master of public administration degree from the School of Public Affairs at The American University, Washington, in May... **Jennifer Quinn '91** of Kannapolis is an administrative assistant at Carolina Public Relations/Marketing, Inc., of Charlotte... **Brent Stewart '91** of Hickory is a process engineer for Alcatel at the new fiber optic facility in Claremont... **Elizabeth E. Wilson '91** of Bethel, Conn. is a software engineer at Survey Sampling, Inc. in Fairfield, Conn... **Catherine Smith Hall '92** of Hickory is a staff accountant, audit services, with Deloitte & Touche's Hickory office... **Chris J. Rogan '92** of Jacksonville, Fla. is a money market accountant with Merrill Lynch... **Laura Anne Watkins '92** of Albemarle is a lead teacher at the Greenwood Center in Albemarle... **Susan Money Whitener '92** of Hickory is a staff accountant, tax department, for the CPA firm of Jenkins, Davidson, Holland & Company in Hickory.

WEDDINGS

THE 60s

Phyllis Carolyn Clodfelter '60 to Colonel Joe C. Cansler, both of Statesville, on Sept. 19, 1992. They reside in Statesville... **Dr. Kathlyn Ann Fritz '68** to Bruce Neil Smith on Dec. 29, 1992. Kathlyn is an associate professor of sociology at Newberry College. Bruce is

chairman of the art department at Newberry College. They reside in Winnsboro, S.C... **Jane Steele Pearce '68** of Statesville to Robert S. Warshaw on Sept. 20, 1992. Janie is self-employed as a kitchen designer. Robert, retired assistant chief of police for Miami, Fla., is now chief of police for Statesville. They reside in Statesville.

THE 70s

Patricia Anne Hatcher '75 of Virginia Beach, Va., to Wiley Dean Barnard, Jr. of Florence, Ala., on Feb. 27. Patricia is a flight attendant with United Airlines. Wiley is a freelance writer and attends the University of Alabama. They live in Florence... **Angela Cable** to **William David Gryder '77** of Arden on April 18. David is employed at Grove Park Inn & Country Club in Asheville... **Christina Lee Reaux '79** of Potomac, Md., to Douglas Wayne Tregoning of Germantown, Md., on Oct. 24, 1992. Christina is a second-grade teacher with the Montgomery County School System. Douglas is employed as an extension agent with the University of Maryland/Montgomery County Extension Service. They reside in Germantown.

THE 80s

Adeliah Helen Arndt '80 to Richard Paul Roach, both of Hickory, on April 24. Adeliah is employed by Frye Regional Medical Center. Richard is self-employed... **Cynthia Irvin Bailey '81** of Decatur, Ga. to David Todd Buckingham of Raleigh on Jan. 30. Cynthia, prior to her marriage, was head nurse in psychiatry at Emory University Hospital. David is an attorney with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan in Raleigh. They reside in Raleigh... **Sally Ann Cummins '81** of Charlotte to Gregory Underwood of Youngsville on April 24. Sally is an R.N. at Charlotte Medical Clinic. Greg is a pulmonary specialist with Carolina Medical Center. They reside in Charlotte... **Elizabeth Williams Hood** of Salisbury to **Mark Christopher Derrick '83** of Columbia, S.C. on April 17. Elizabeth is employed at Atlas Marketing, Inc. in Charlotte. Mark is employed at Edens and Avant, Inc. in Columbia, S.C., where the couple lives... **Mary Frances Underwood '84** to Derek K. Poarch, both of Lenoir, on May 15. Mary Frances is employed by Sealed Air Corporation. Derek is employed by the Lenoir Police Department as captain-patrol/field division commander. They reside in Lenoir... **Lisa Jeanne Hewat '86**

to Scott Lee Propst, both of Hickory, on May 29. Lisa is account manager at Teledial in Hickory. Scott is an industrial engineer and works at Hickory Chair in Hickory, where they make their home... **Kim Elaine Fincannon '87** of Newton to **Charles Brett Rushing '87** of Greenville, S.C., on March 20. Kim formerly was employed by Siecor. Charles is employed by Kraft/General Foods. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.... Tracy Leigh McClellan of Orlando to **Marcus David Ramsey '87** of Tampa, Fla. on Nov. 14, 1992. Tracy is a financial analyst with Sun Bank. David is an operations supervisor with Overnite Transportation Company in Tampa, where they make their home... Terri Lynn Hall of Lottsburg, Va. to **Gerald Shannon Sellers '87**, formerly of Laurinburg, on Jan. 23. Terri previously was the showroom manager for St. Timothy Chair Company. Gerald is the Midwest sales representative for St. Timothy Chair Company. They make their home in Downers Grove, Ill. **Margaret Lillian Bowles Guffey '88**, formerly of Morganton, to Donald Jefferson Hurley, on Jan. 4. Margaret is a 1st Lt. in the USAF Nurse Corps stationed at Mather AFB in Sacramento, Calif. Donald, a Naval Academy graduate, is a 1st Lt. and intelligence officer in the US Navy stationed at Fallon Naval Air Station at Fallon, Nev., where the couple lives. Tammy Denise Langley of Stanley to **Thomas Leroy Price '88** of Asheboro on Aug. 1, 1992. They reside in Asheboro... **Jean Marie Abernethy '89** of Newton to James Edward Bolick of Hickory, on April 17. Jean is traffic manager at Progressive Furniture in Claremont. Jamie is employed at Bolick's Auto Collision Repair in Lenoir. They reside in Hickory... Wendy Mara Gornto of Ellenboro to **Todd Young Bennett '89** of Forest City on Dec. 19, 1992. Todd is employed as a corporate purchasing manager by United Southern Industries in Forest City, where the couple resides... **Carolyn Beth Knittel '89**, formerly of Apex, to James Loren Watterson of Raleigh on Jan. 2. Carolyn is a staff accountant at Oxford University Press in Cary. They live in Raleigh... **Tamela "Tammy" Jane Sides '89** to Aaron Tucker, both of Nashville, on April 24. Tammy is employed by First Union Home Equity Corporation. Aaron is employed by Opryland Hotel and McQuiddy Printing. They live in Antioch, Tenn.

THE 90s

Lisa Denise Hennigar '90 to Rick Bryan Huffman, both of Hickory, on April 17. Lisa is employed by Siecor in the human resource department. Rick is employed by Siecor in

the hardware and equipment technology division. They make their home in Hickory... **Julia Elizabeth Knight '90** of Lenoir to Timothy Michael Pittman of Morganton on March 27. Julia is an English teacher at East Burke Middle School. Timothy is a teacher at Freedom High School. They reside in Morganton... **Pamela Jean Moeller '90** of Morganton to David Melvin Story of Lenoir on Feb. 27. Pamela is employed by the Burke Council on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency, Inc. David is the owner of Modern Landscaping, Inc. They live in Lenoir... **Susan Leslie Nunnery '90** of Statesville to Greg Swafford of Hickory on Sept. 19, 1992. The couple recently relocated to California with their companies. Susan is employed by Clairol, Inc. as a sales representative in Palm Springs and Greg is employed by General Instrument Corporation as a sales manager in San Diego... **Kate Marie Sargent '90**, formerly of Vienna, Va. to **Larry A. "Butch" Gunter '85** of Fairfax, Va. They reside in Fairfax... **Kimberly Ann Beals '91** to **Leonard Helms Haltiwanger '91** on March 6. They live in Charleston, S.C.... **Mara Denise Boyles '91** to Edward Glenn Alala, both of Hickory, on March 27. Denise is the buyer for Whitemore's of Hickory. Ed is a sales representative for Hickory Springs. They make their home in Hickory... Tammy Rena Boner to **Craig Jeffrey Cordes '91**, both of Raleigh, on May 1. Tammy is a customer service representative with United Airlines in Raleigh. Craig is in sales with Miller Industrial Supplies in Raleigh, where the couple lives... Andrea Carole Little of Conover to **Gene Thomas Lawhorne, Jr. '91** of Newton on March 27. Andrea is employed by the Lutheran Nursing Home in Hickory. Gene is employed by Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville. They reside in Newton... **Sara Lane "Sally" Rhyne '91** of Winston-Salem to Wendell Gene Davis of Hickory. Sally will enter the physician assistant program at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in the fall. Wendell is employed with E.R. Carpenter Company in Newton. They live in Mocksville... Laura M. Tolleson to **Vincente dePaul Allan Ackard '92**, both of Hickory, on May 1. Laura is employed by attorneys Rudisill & Brackett. Vince is a sales representative for Vanguard Furniture Co... **Lisa Janel Cashion '92** to Mark Hunter Gragg, both of Statesville, on Feb. 27. Lisa is employed by the Iredell-Statesville School system. Mark is employed by Getrag Gears of North America in Conover. They reside in Statesville... **Hanna Kimberly Fye '92**, formerly of Tallahassee, Fla., to Michael Robert Ward of Boone on June 19. Hanna is an English teacher at Bunker Hill High School. Michael

will attend Trinity Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in September... **Kristen Renae Heldreth '92** of Melbourne, Fla., to **Charles Alan Wallace '90**, formerly of Delmont, Pa. on June 20, 1992. Kristen is a first-grade teacher in Palm City, Fla. Charley is employed by Florida Power and Light. They live in Melbourne... **D. Michelle "Mickee" Herman '92** to Philip Donald Wurz, both of Taylorsville, on March 13. Mickee is a registered nurse on the surgical care unit of Catawba Memorial Hospital in Hickory. Philip is employed at American Roller Bearing in Hiddenite. They make their home in Taylorsville... **Amy Louise Brittain '93** of Connelly Springs to Tony Steven Martin of Hickory on April 10. Amy is employed at Belks of Morganton. Tony is employed at Western Youth Institute. They reside in Hickory... **Mary Beth Shaw '93** of St. Petersburg, Fla. to **David Newell Carte II '92** of Greenville, S.C., on March 13. Mary Beth is in graduate school at the University of Miami pursuing a master's degree in physical therapy. They live in Miami.

BABY BEARS

THE 70s

Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel R. Mercer II '73** of Pennsauken, Pa., a son, Daniel Richard III, on Sept. 5, 1992... Mr. and Mrs. **Michael S. Morrow '74** of Pittsboro, twin sons, Jeremiah and Elias, on Aug. 11, 1992... Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. (**Miriam Sigmon '78**) Hunt of Charlotte, a daughter, Jessica Davis, on March 6 ... Mr. and Mrs. Steve (**Chris Shogren '79**) Dahlberg of Spring Lake Park, Minn., a son, Peter Evan, on June 11, 1991.

THE 80s

The Rev. and Mrs. **John B. '83 (Cindy Schwarz '84) Kahl** of Richfield, a daughter, Amanda Michelle, on Nov. 24, 1992... Mr. and Mrs. Jody Michael (**Kimberly Fisher '83**) Shuping of Granite Quarry, a daughter, Katelyn Marie, on Feb. 14 ... The Rev. and Mrs. **S. Craig '84 (Marilyn Purdham '85) Bollinger** of Charlotte, a daughter, Sarah, on Feb. 6 ... Mr. and Mrs. **Rick '87 (Nancy Simmons '87) Hammer** of Hickory, a daughter, Kelsey Nicole, on March 24... Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (**Margaret "Molly" Jensen '87**) Harlow of Plant City, Fla., a son, Adam Stephen, on Dec. 8 ... Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Edward '88 (Angela Farmer '88) Jackson** of Lincolnton, a son, Matthew Robert, on Oct. 5, 1992... Mr. and

THE 90s

Mrs. David Adam (Kimberly Susan Kelly '89) Connell of DeLand, Fla., a son, on Feb. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Mauricio (Carolina Cardenal '91) Ramiriz of Chinendega, Nicaragua, Central America, a son, Mauricio, on Nov. 2, 1992... Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ryan Farmer '92 of Lenoir, a daughter, McKenzie Ryan, on June 24, 1992.

DEATHS

The Golden Years

J. Ethan Shealy '13 of Leesville, S.C., on Jan. 11 ... Samuel Mitchell Link '18 of Salisbury on March 10.

THE 20s & 30s

Hildebran in May 1991... John Wrey Aderholdt '30 of Charlotte, date unknown... Floyd Davis "Jack" Kiser '30 of Lincolnton on May 12 ... Margaret Rebecca Kuhn Hefner '31 of Hickory on March 8 ... Elizabeth M. Finger '33 of Charlotte on Oct. 28, 1991... Margaret Elizabeth Boland Herring '35 of Hickory on Feb. 21 ... Eunice Drum Lowman '35 of Asheville on May 3 ... Reba Jeffcoat Perkins '35 of Roanoke, Va., on March 2 ... Margaret Edna Almand Greene '37 of Gastonia in April 1992... Jacob Elmore Smith '37 of Indialantic, Fla., on March 11, 1992.

THE 40s

Ruth Wright Miller '40 of North Wilkesboro, on Jan. 29 ... George Ellis Miller Sr. '41 of Winston-Salem on March 13 ... Doris Mae Sigmon Blevins '45 of Hickory on May 10 ... Myrtle "Myrt" Glass Thomas '45 of Gastonia on March 29 ... Alma Jeanne Clark '47 of St. Augustine, Fla., on Jan. 28

Ruth Lowrance Beaver '27 of Rockwell on Feb. 9 ... Edith Seaboch Kearns '27 of Wilmington on Feb. 28 ... Luther David Black Sr. '28 of Charlotte on Dec. 5, 1992... Marion Pierce Bridges '28 of

... James Sylvester Cline, Jr. '47 of Fallston on July 8 ... Emmerson Flavel Sullivan '48 of King on Jan. 25 ... Hubert McCree Hennessee '49 of Hickory on July 7, 1992... Calvin Coolidge Ledbetter '49 of Hickory on Feb. 6 ... Silvio J. Pascal '49 of Galveston, Texas, on Jan. 9 ... Richard Francis "Dick" Lomax '49 of Henderson on Jan. 28 ... Billy Leo Whisnant '51 of Hickory on Dec. 14, 1992.

THE 50s

Mary Christine Olson Haffly '52 of Mableton, Ga., on Jan. 24 ... Ernest Crawford Safrin, Jr. '55 of Salisbury on Jan. 29.

THE 60s

Carl H. Thomas, Jr. '60 of Charlotte on Jan. 15 ... Espy T. Troutman, Jr. '63 of Troutman on Dec. 20, 1992... Jane Elizabeth Abernethy Stump '65 of Hickory on March 4.

THE 70s

Michael Ross Niday '74 of Hickory in 1992... David Lee Schuler '77 of Mystic, Conn., on Sept. 9, 1990... Jimmie T. Smith II '77 of Kannapolis on Feb. 21.

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Remembering Joe Bear

By Roger G. Plaster '28

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space limitations, we could reproduce only the "bear" essentials of this memoir.

When my granddaughter surprised me on my 86th birthday with a fuzzy, stuffed bear, she had no idea what memories it would trigger. No one knows what caused the Lenoir-Rhyne student body to latch on to the idea that they needed a live bear for a mascot. Some contend it was a way for the football coach to divert attention from a rather dismal season. But whatever the reason, something had to be

done to quell the rising clamor for a live bear at L-R.

My roommate that year was president of the student body and as such was expected to exhibit some signs of leadership in times of crisis. We often talked at length late into the night seeking a solution.

Finally, we decided the only way to get a decent night's sleep would be to scour the woods and for a

bear the students could focus their attention on.

Then I remembered seeing a "Cub Bear for Sale" sign just across the Yadkin River from Salisbury. So we took off one afternoon to explore the possibility of acquiring a suitable mascot for the Mountain Bear athletes of Lenoir-Rhyne. Sure enough, the bear was still for sale. Speaking for the students, we told him we thought the price was fair and would present his offer to the student body for approval and cash donations. (Had we been less gullible, we would have realized he would have been willing to pay us to take the bear off his hands!)

While cubs are sweet and cuddly, the adolescent bear—our proposed purchase—was a horse of a different color.

Joe Bear in due time arrived on the campus and the students went wild with joy. The order of the day was pep rallies, snake dances, speeches. Joe Bear in person was the central theme, and a bond was quickly established between mascot and students. Now no one had given thought to suitable housing for a bear, but just by chance, there was a car shed near the boys' Highland Hall kitchen with a vacant room on the side, so it became Joe Bear's headquarters. Scraps from the kitchen and dining hall furnished a tasty supply of food. Joe Bear seemed satisfied.

Big athletic events proved the most appropriate platform for Joe Bear to fulfill his intended role. The plan was for cheerleaders to warm up the assembly, and then for Joe Bear and his student mentor to enter and roll together from one end of the playing field to the other to the cheers of a frenzied crowd. The problem was, the mentor and Joe could seldom agree on how far and which direction to run. Joe might decide to run in circles or double back. The result was a maze of circles, back-tracking, cross-field zigzags and other eccentric tracks. At least the coach was delighted. Post-game

chatter now centered entirely on Joe Bear and his mentor, not on who had won or lost.

Between games, things were more tranquil. Joe Bear and his mentor both loved the attention showered on them as they took frequent walks about campus for exercise and pleasure. More timid students kept their distance, but some became mutual friends with the bear and were allowed certain petting privileges.

For some reason, one of the most popular and talented of L-R girls, was a special attraction for Joe Bear. When he spotted her, it took more than his mentor to restrain him. The young lady was not amused. The boys tried to placate her by saying all Joe wanted was to give her a bear hug. She retorted that she already had as many hugs as she could handle, and she wanted nothing to do with an amorous bear!

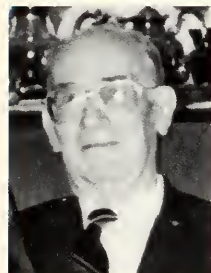
Fortunately, Joe's attention could be readily diverted by a bottle of soda pop. Students discovered he could sit on his haunches and guzzle a Coca-Cola with obvious delight by holding it in his paws. Students' loose pocket change was set aside to keep a supply of bottles ready for Joe as a substitute for physical restraint. In fact, Joe's photograph was made in his favorite pose for the 1928 *HACAWA* and he was accorded equal space with the graduating seniors.

It must have been a bitterly cold day in 1929. Mysterious primitive inner signals must have alerted Joe that winter was coming and it was time to hibernate. But since no den was at hand, Joe had to make do with what was available. It happened to be a sporty new car owned by one popular young English professor (who had earlier been the brunt of a student prank involving a live cow in his classroom). Nevertheless, Joe dug his

way through the fabric top of the professor's roadster and tore up the fancy seat and springs. Later, word came via the grapevine to scattered 1928 graduates that a decision had been made to seek some institution with better facilities to care for a maturing bear. We could not bear to hear where Joe was deposited for safekeeping.

You would expect this to be the end of the story. Not so. Fifty years passed and time came for the class of '28 to return to campus for the reunion. Classmates were asked to recall their activities for the past 50 years. The day of the reunion, one of our class showed up with a fuzzy stuffed bear in his arms. His talent as a salesman had led to a lucrative career and we were soon to see the reason. All of our class had been quite generous contributing to a special fund to donate to the college at our alumni banquet. Our salesman friend began to circulate the idea that we shoot for a little higher target. Soon, some of us had started to dip into our savings. Even so, a true salesman never gives up. The drive for more money soon centered on the fuzzy bear. No doubt he recalled what "Remember the Alamo" did to arouse the Texans. Our battle cry became "Remember Joe Bear".

So, '93 graduates, I salute you! May you have grandchildren with imagination to come bearing gifts on your 86th birthday to revive memories of your glorious day at our beloved alma mater.



Roger Plaster



Joe Bear

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Saturday, Oct. 23:

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- 2 p.m. Bears versus Wofford College Terriers in Moretz Stadium.
- Post-game Queen's reception at the President's House.
- Reunions for the classes of 1983, 1968 and 1953

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